# § 160.170-19 Operating instructions and information for the ship's training manual.

- (a) In order to comply with SOLAS, each release mechanism must have instructions and information for the ship's training manual that use the symbols from IMO Res. A.760(18) (incorporated by reference, see §160.170–5 of this subpart) to describe the location and operation of the winch.
- (b) The instructions and information required by paragraph (a) of this section may be combined with similar material for survival craft and rescue boats, and their launching systems.
- (c) The release mechanism manufacturer must make the instructions and information required by paragraph (a) of this section available—
- (1) In English to purchasers of release mechanisms approved by the Coast Guard; and
- (2) In the form of an instruction placard providing simple procedures and illustrations for operation of the release mechanism. The placard must be not greater than 36 cm (14 in) by 51 cm (20 in), and must be made of durable material and suitable for display inside a lifeboat and rescue boat, and near launching apparatuses on vessels.

#### § 160.170-21 Operation and maintenance instructions.

- (a) Each release mechanism must have operation and maintenance instructions that—
- (1) Follows the general format and content specified in IMO MSC.1 Circ. 1205 (incorporated by reference, see § 160.170-5 of this subpart); and
- (2) Includes a checklist for use in monthly, external inspections of the release mechanism.
- (b) The release mechanism manufacturer must make the manual required by paragraph (a) of this section available in English to purchasers of a release mechanism approved by the Coast Guard.
- (c) The operation and maintenance instructions required by paragraph (a) of this section may be combined with similar material for survival craft and rescue boats, and their launching systems.

# § 160.170-23 Procedure for approval of design, material, or construction change.

- (a) Each change in design, material, or construction from the plans approved under 46 CFR 159.005–13 and \$160.170–13(h) of this subpart must be approved by the Commandant before being used in any production release mechanism. The manufacturer must submit any such change following the procedures in \$160.170–9 of this subpart, but documentation on items that are unchanged from the plans approved under 46 CFR 159.005–13 and \$160.170–13(h) of this subpart need not be resubmitted.
- (b) Unless determined by the Commandant to be unnecessary, a prototype release mechanism with each change described in paragraph (a) of this section must be made and tested according to the procedures for new approvals in §§160.170–9 through 160.170–13 of this subpart.
- (c) Determinations of equivalence of design, construction, and materials will be made by the Commandant only.

### Subpart 160.171—Immersion Suits

SOURCE: CGD 84-069a, 52 FR 1188, Jan. 12, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

#### § 160.171-1 Scope.

This subpart contains construction and performance requirements, and approval tests for adult and child insulated, buoyant immersion suits that are designed to prevent shock upon entering cold water and lessen the effect of hypothermia (extreme body heat loss due to immersion in cold water). Immersion suits approved under this subpart will meet the requirements of Regulation 33 of Chapter III of the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, under the Second Set of Amendments adopted 17 June 1983.

## § 160.171-3 Incorporation by reference.

(a) Certain materials are incorporated by reference into this subchapter with the approval of the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR